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La Peña Cultural Center

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Now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
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Two-Month Calendar
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La Peña Calendar of Events • March • 2006

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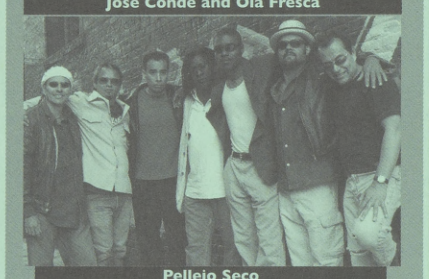
Trova sin Traba • Fri, March 24

Meli Rivera • Leticia Servin • Maria Loreto

Son Sabroson • Sat, March 25

Jose Conde and Ola Fresca



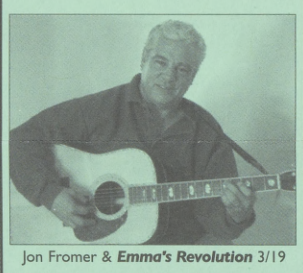
Pellejo Seco

La Familia Son

Alexa Weber 3/2

Juanita Ulloa 3/11

The K.T.O. Project 3/4

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**2** CONCERT	**3** CONCERT	**4** GERMAR 10:30AM
La Peña Wish List • Portable professional Speakers • bass amp • digital camcorder • USB connection scanner for Macintosh. USB connection scanner for Macintosh. Please call Paul Chin at 849-2568 ext. 17	**Alexa Weber Morales** Singer-songwriter Alexa Weber Morales combines clarion vocals, high-voltage rhythm & emotive power in one package. Fluent in four languages, she crosses borders with lush, acoustic jazz, boleros, salsa & samba. Alexa's debut CD, *Jazzmérica*, is produced by three-time Grammy nominee Wayne Wallace. Don't miss this performance, which will include new songs on her forthcoming second album! **8pm $9 /$7** students & seniors	La Peña Cultural Center and CPsCrew Present: **Flip Tha Script** live performances by: **Kiwi** (Native Guns) **Golda Supanova** **Feenix Solite** with DJ Phatrick (Trick'n'Treat) **9pm$10 / $8** (students w/ID)	**THE K.T.O. PROJECT** Formerly The Kelly Takunda Orphan Project A unique blend of original music fused with different ethnic sensibilities-from Africa to the Middle East to the Americas, this music was created to uplift your spirits and feel funky all at the same time! With Kelly Takunda Orphan, Amber Hines, Victor Little, Michelle Jacques, Donna Viscusso, Bob Crawford, Billy Johnson & featuring Zimbabwean guitarist, Zivanai Musango. **8:30pm $15**
SUNDAY			
5 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM In celebration of International Women's Day, Kavosh Iranian Women's Group present: **A Tribute to Zahra Kazemi & Dr.Hammed Shahidian.** With talks by ***Nastaran Mousavi***: *Feminist publications in the past decade in Iran* and by ***Persis Karim***: *Iranian women's literature in Iran and abroad.* (Farsi & English). Plus ***Going Beyond In-betweens***, (English)a play by the Golden Thread Production and an exhibition of Iranian women art works in the Bay Area. **6pm $12** Info: 408-243-2222	**8** KIRA ALLEN'S CAFE POETRY 7:30PM Alameda County Office of AIDS & Women Organized to Respond to Life Threatening Diseases present: **National Women/Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** Lifting Our Voices - Sharing Our Knowledge. An evening of poetry and song **6:30 – 9pm Free** For more information: 510-986-0340	**9** CONCERT **Isaac Peña** **Cd release party and concert!** From rock to Classical to jazz to Música Latina or R&B/Soul to Hip Hop and back to rock again. Known for his trumpet playing and vocals with O-Maya and La Familia, Isaac Peña brings his own musical project to La Peña with a group of talented musicians and a collection of original songs rich in character and diversity. **8pm $8 / $6** students W/ID	**10** CONCERT **Rafael Manríquez** in a musical tribute to women songwriters & poets from the Americas, among them Violeta Parra, Gabriela Mistral, Juana de Ibarborough, and Alfonsina Storni. Rafael is returning from a tour of his native Chile and is bringing back his passionate voice & guitar to sing traditional & original songs from his vast Latin American repertoire. Guest artists: Ingrid Rubis & Marcia Manríquez. **8pm $12**	**11** MST- Brazil Update On tour, ***Andreia Ferreira*** of the Landless Worker's Movement of Brazil speaks about the current land struggles under the Lula government. **4pm $5-$15 sliding scale*** ***Mexican Mariachi Fest*** *High Priestess of Operachi*, singer-composer ***Juanita Ulloa*** and mostly mujeres ***Mariachi Picante*** present a *Mexican Mariachi Fest* of favorite songs from Mexico & Latin America featuring women! Plus Guest performers **8:30pm $15 / $13 adv.**
12 IRISH FILM FESTIVAL **The San Francisco Irish Film Festival** presenting the very best in contemporary Irish cinema including features and award winning shorts. **3pm & 6pm** (each show different films) **$10** each, or **$15** for both shows. **Discounts.** Schedule at www.SFIrishFilm.com	**15** Cafe Poetry & Open Mic Hosted by **Paradise 7:30pm** SF Latino Film Festival **Habana, Havana** 2004 dir. Alberto Arvelo. Venezuela, Cuba. 80 min. Spanish w/English subtitles. Venezuelan director Arvelo subtly captures the lives of two Cubans in a fictional film with a strong documentary style. **7pm $6gen.**	**16** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **Advance Sale Ticket Information** Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.** Ticketholders must arrive by show time for seating. People with special needs should call **849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.	**17** DANCING **Saoco** Come and dance with a new band in the Bay Area... a mixture of reggaeton and ricos ritmos cubanos. **9:30pm $10**	**18** *ORANGE SHERBERT 10:30AM* **Jesus Diaz y su QBA** come dance great Cuban Timba music! **9:30pm $12**
19 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM ***Jon Fromer*** has performed around the world as well as in the Bay Area. He's well-known on picket lines for his powerful voice, moving the crowd and bringing spirit to the struggle. He will be performing with his nephew Reed & brother Dave. ***Emma's Revolution*** *is* Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow, Grand Prize Winners of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Their music has been featured on *Democracy Now & All Things Considered.* **7:30pm $10-$20 sliding scale**	**22** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN  Jon Fromer & ***Emma's Revolution*** 3/19	**23** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR LAST MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO,** Now open for breakfast and lunch OPEN FROM 9AM	**24** CONCERT **SON CON TROVA WEEKEND!** **Trova sin Traba** Mujeres trovadoras celebran el *Mes Internacional de la Mujer* **Leticia Servin** (direct from Mexico) **Maria Loreto** (Chile) **Meli Rivera** (Puerto Rico) **8:30pm $12 adv. $14 dr.** Presentado con SF's **Noches Bohemias**	**25** *LYDIA MILLS 10:30AM* **Son Sabroson** Festival of Contemporary Cuban Son featuring **La Familia Son** (Oakland) **Pellejo Seco** (SF) & **Jose Conde** and **Ola Fresca** (direct from NY!) **9pm $12 adv. $14 dr.** Opening and reception for **Art Exhibits** Public is invited. Lobby 5:30-7pm
26 SON CON TROVA **Songwriting Workshop** featuring artists from the Trova y Son Festival (see 3/24 & 3/25) hosted by Lichi Fuentes A roundtable in which artists will discuss their inspirations and approach to composing. Songwriters and other music lovers are invited to attend and share their experiences and questions. **12:30pm - Free**	**29** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**30** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**31** CONCERT **Duamuxa** in concert bringing its electro-acoustic sounds and its original twist on traditional songs & their own compositions. An evening of worker's songs from the country side to the factory, the songs that portray our desire for social justice from Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and the US. What a way to commemorate Cesar Chavez' birthday. Feliz Cumpleaños Companero! **8:30pm $12/$8** Students w/ID	**Advance Sale Ticket Information** Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.** Ticketholders must arrive by show time for seating. People with special needs should call **849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.

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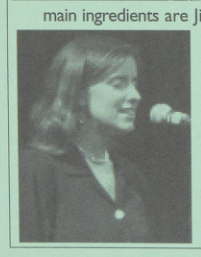
Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday Morning Kids shows
10:30am $4 adults $3 kids

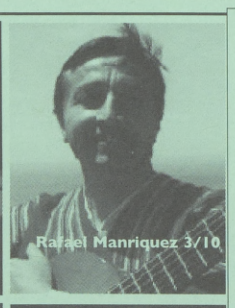
Saturday, March 4:
Germar the Magician (aka Gerardo Martinez) is a magician who strives to entertain and educate his audience through his magic and illusions.

Saturday, March 18 : Orange Sherbet's main ingredients are Jill Pierce & Tamsen Fynn performing songs about dinosaurs, elevators, sunglasses, and dump trucks.



Saturday, March 25 with Lydia Mills
Come join Lydia for a morning of singing games, puppets, and children's dances en español! If you've come in the past, come again to sing some new songs!

Duamuxa 3/31



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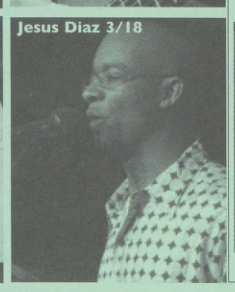

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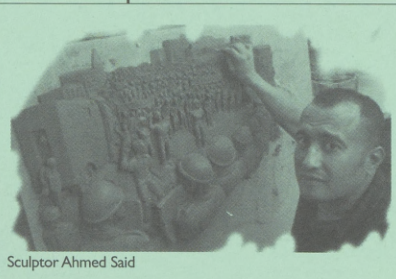

Sculptor Ahmed Said

EN LAS PAREDES / LA PEÑA EXHIBITS
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LOBBY: March 2-April 30. Original art work by Egyptian sculptor, **Ahmed Said,** depicting everyday lives of Egyptians. Reception on Saturday March 18.

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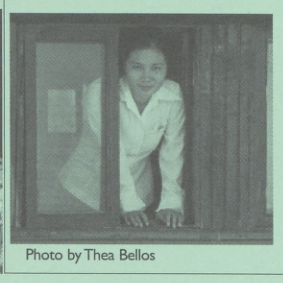

Photo by Thea Bellos

CAFE: March 2 - April 30. Paintings by artist and educator Cecilia Elvira Garcia. Cecilia seeks to capture the light of Italy through he new series entitled "Los Ojos del Paraiso."

THEATER: *International Women's Month: A celebration of Women.* Paintings and photos by ***Thea Bellos, Ellen Greene, Gabriela Nunez, and Marie-Jose Durquet***

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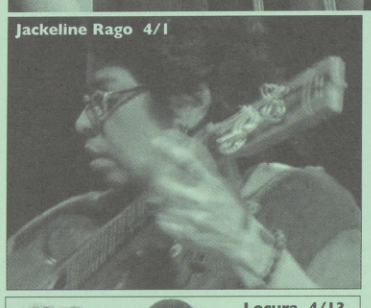
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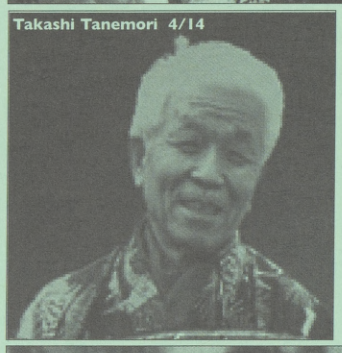
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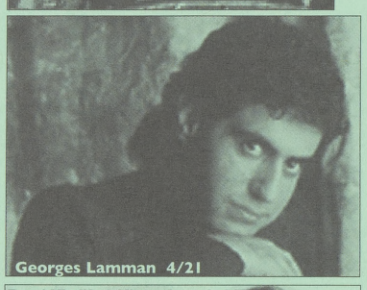
Georges Lamman 4/21

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SUNDAY

2 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

16 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

CHECK LA PEÑA'S
WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH & SPANISH & FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING
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23 HIP HOP

If You Don't Listen You Don't Hear

Directed by Opal Palmer Adisa. A medley of spoken artists, DJ's, poets and dancers, East Bay Youths spitting about their lives, the challenges they face, their hopes and how they come together to change the society. The emerging, must-see artists of the East Bay, demanding that you listen.

8pm $10 $7 students w/ID

30 CUBAN DANCE BENEFIT

A community celebration to benefit the Diaz Dance Foundation established in honor of Joann "Juana" Diaz. Afro-Cuban Folkloric performances will be followed by a night of dancing with Rumbaché (formerly Quimbombó). Other artists include Jose Francisco Barroso, Michael Spiro, Sandy Perez, Fito Reinoso, Jose Luis Gomez and the Arenas Dance Co. dir. by Susana Arenas. **6pm $15* adv. & dr.**

WEDNESDAY

5 BENEFIT

Wed. April 5. Chiapas Support Committee's
Organizing Resistance- Report from Zapatista Territory

Bay Area delegates just back from Chiapas bring you on the Zapatista world via Slides, Video, Discussion. Updates on *La Otra Campaña*, International Campaign for the Intercontinental Gathering. Benefit for construction of a Zapatista pharmacy / warehouse in San Manuel autonomous municipality.

7:30pm $5-$15 sliding scale*

12 KIRA ALLEN'S CAFE POETRY 7:30PM

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19 PARADISE'S CAFE POETRY 7:30PM

SF Latino Film Festival

Cachimba

2004. Chile. Dir. Silvio Caiozzi. 127 min. Spanish w/English subtitles. Only one thought exists in Marcos's mind: to achieve carnal knowledge of Hilda. A sophisticated, hilarious and delirious comedy about art, love, & the love of art.

7pm $6gen $5 (IIIf members)

26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Volunteer Opportunities
For over 30 years, La Peña has counted on volunteers. We need volunteers to help staff our programs, do grassroots publicity, participate in fundraising activities, bulk mailings, and much more. We especially need people with carpentry and electrical skills. **Call Mariola Fernández @ 510/849-2568 x13, or mariola@lapena.org**

THURSDAY

6 CONCERT

CHELLE! and Friends
Made up of some of the most distinguished & accomplished musicians in the SF Bay Area, ***CHELLE! and Friends*** perform music that is vibrant and alive. Artistic director and founder Michelle Jacques, Rhonda Crane, Jay Lamont, Bryan Dyer, & Debbie Fier deliver a performance that celebrates and transcends ethnic boundaries with drums, bass & powerful voices.

7:30pm $15 dr $13 adv.

13 CONCERT

¡La locura es lo que cura!

¡LoCura! debut Concert

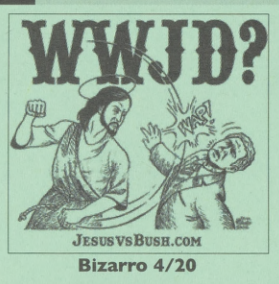
Bringing flavors from Spain, Cuba,& California, this powerhouse trio mixes musical styles and blends genres, redefining musical boundaries. Fusing the old world with the new, ¡LoCura! is original music for the heart and soul.

8pm $7 / $5 students w/ID

20 La Peña Gets Bizarro

The Bizarro Baloney Show
Dan Piraro's one-man stage show is a multi-media featuring stand-up comedy, video, original songs, animation, puppets, cartoons, audience participation, & onstage improv drawings. It has toured select cities for several years & recently played to standing room-only houses at the *New York International Fringe Festival*, & won the festival's *Best Solo Show* award.
8pm $18dr. 15adv. $16: Seniors & students w/ID at the dr.

27 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN



Bizarro 4/20

FRIDAY

7 CONCERT

Musical geniuses: From Lebanon & Syria
Rami Khalife on the piano & **Kinan Azmeh** on the clarinet. Their music is this sort of music where the limits between what's written and what's improvised is gone. It is 21st century music, where also categories of music such as classical, contemporary, techno are never enough to make one know what one is listening to; and yet all these same terms can also describe what's happening on stage.

8pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

14 THEATER

Takashi's Dream
An inspiring tale of a one man's journey from rage & revenge to forgiveness & reconciliation. The story of Takashi Tanemori, an atomic bomb survivor from Hiroshima, is a personal experience of the historical event that changed the world forever. Meet Takashi, the hero of our story. After performance talk with the artists.

8pm $15 gen. $10 adv.

21 BENEFIT CONCERT

The Friends of Deir Ibzi'a present
Georges Lammam Ensemble
Beautiful Middle Eastern tunes featuring classical and popular music on violin, accordion, *kanoon*, *oud*, *muzhar* and *dumbek*. The esteemed musicians are well known in the Bay Area. Proceeds benefit scholarship programs for youth in the Palestinian village of Deir Ibzi'a. Spon. by Friends of Deir Ibzi'a.

8pm $15*

28 CUBAN DANCING

Tito y Su Son
Dance to the traditional Cuban dance music featuring *Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez, "El Tresero mayor"*. Their music has been compared to the *Buena Vista Social Club*. Tito was one of the founders of the *Nuevo Conjunto* de Arsenio Rodriguez & studied the "tres" with Papi Oviedo of the Buena Vista Social Club.

9pm $12

SATURDAY

1 JUANITA ULLOA 10:30AM

Concert / Dance
Tambores y Mas! Drums & More!

The Venezuelan Music Project (VMP). Come and celebrate with VMP the soulful sounds of Venezuela, featuring Jackeline Rago (musical Director), Francy Hernandez, Claudy Mejia, Luis Rodriguez, Donna Viscusso, Saul Sierra, Marco Diaz and Omar Ledezma. Dance to the exhilarating rhythms of *calypso*, *parranda*, *tambores*, and more...

8:30pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

8 BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30AM

Son De Madera
One of Mexicos legendary *son jarocho* groups returns to La Peña. Utilizing the rare and beautiful instruments of eastern Mexico, including the Veracruz harp, jarana, requinto, and the lively box-drum tarima, Son de Madera sing and dance music ranging from plaintive love ballads to exciting get up and move *sones*. Adv. tickets available.

8pm $15 /$12adv.

15 ESTELA KNOTT 10:30AM

Los Boleros
performing traditional *son montuno*, *son cubano*, *boleros*, *cumbia*, and *merengue*. Reviving old classics like *Dos Gardenias*, *Cuarto de Tula*, and *Bésame Mucho*, talented singers are backed up by the Afro- Cuban beats of *tumbao* & *bolero*. Congas, bongos, clave & guiro, passionate solos by flute, hot tres cubano, sultry saxophone, and up-right bass will get you hooked to these new sounds of Los Boleros.

9:30pm $12

22 COLIBRI 10:30AM SEASON FINALE!

Carne Cruda
Latin-funk-surf-cumbia-reggae calypso-son with a cephalopod theme for booty-shaking and smashing down the global capitalism that oppresses us all.

9:30pm $7 / $5 students w/ID

29 BENEFIT CONCERT

¡La Gran Noche de la Nueva Canción!

Grupo Raiz
reunion concert
in support of *La Peña Community Chorus* tour to Peru this summer 2006. Hear the great Latin American and original music of La Peña's favorite group in this rare reunion. Also hear about the Chorus' exciting plans and buy Chorus crafts and treats and Grupo's Cds.

8pm $22 adv. $24 dr.*

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Diaz Dance presents and evening of Cuban music and dance on April 30

Established in honor of Joann *Juana* Diaz, the Diaz Dance Foundation provides opportunities for young people to discover the joy and passion of dance. Joann's open heart, radiant smile and luminous spirit made her an inspiration to all who knew her whether as a dancer extraordinaire, a devoted high-school counselor, or a beloved friend who taught us all so much through her courageous battle with breast cancer.

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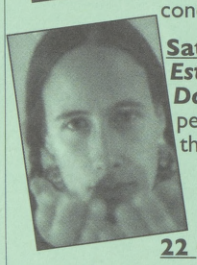
CHELLE! & Friends 4/6

Los Amiguitos de La Peña Saturday Morning Kids Shows
10:30am $4 adults $3 kids

Saturday, April 1
Juanita Ulloa & ***Ginny Morgan*** perform songs from Mexico & Latin America.

Saturday, April 8
Bonnie Lockhart Spirited, interactive concerts for children and families.



Saturday, April 15
Estela Knott & ***David Berzonsky*** perform songs from the Americas.

SEASON FINALE!
Saturday, April 22 Colibri musical duo sings in English & Spanish and performs on a variety of instruments.

Classes @ La Peña

-The Lab Live Hip Hop Ensemble. Free. Open to musicians, emcees, spoken word artists. With Brutha Los & Raul Perales, Mondays 4:00-5:30pm in the Cafe.
- The AfroCuban Music Youth Ensemble. Free. Open to instrumentalists ages 10 - 18. With Marco Diaz & Julio Perez. Mondays 6 - 7:30pm in the Cafe.
- How to make your own Shekere. March 25th & April 1st. 3 - 5pm in the Community Room. $50. With *Hadley Louden*. Instruction in playing *shekere* will also be provided. Call Hadley: 510-532-3579

La Peña would like to thank the *East Bay Community Foundation*, and the *LEF Foundation* as well as all the individual donors & the ***Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of San Francisco*** who have contributed generously towards our arts education program, making it possible to continue offering free classes to the younger generation.

More info & registration: www.lapena.org or (510) 849-2568 x16

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www.mesoamerica.com.mx Tel/Fax: 011-52-777-315-04-34

Juanita Ulloa — *High Priestess of Operachi*
& mostly mujeres ***Mariachi Picante*** show off what women on the cutting edge of Mariachi can do!!
Sat. March 11: @ La Peña
Sat. March 25: Ukiah Player's Theater, Ukiah
www.juanitamusic.com

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Yes, I want to support La Peña by joining the Song of Unity Membership!

If you value our contribution to the social and political life in the Bay Area, please consider making a contribution.

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☐ **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
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